

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the subject application is requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

**I. Examiner Interview.** The undersigned agent expresses his thanks for the courtesies extended by Examiner Nashed during a telephonic interview held on May 17, 2005.

In the interview, amendments were discussed to put the claims in condition for allowance. No agreement was reached.

**II. Claim Status.** Claim 9 has been amended. Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 14-17 have been added. By this Amendment, claims 1-11 and 14-17 are pending.

Claim 9 has been amended to more appropriately reference the antecedent provided in claim 8. Support for amended claim 9 is found in original claims 8 and 9. The scope of claim 9 is unchanged.

Claims 14-17 have been added. Support for these claims is found in the specification at, e.g., page 7 lines 19-22; page 9, lines 29-31; page 12, lines 26-28; page 33, lines 11-20; and the sections beginning on page 34, line 21 (Therapeutic Methods); and page 35, line 20 (Treatment of Immune System Related Disease or Disorders, or a Symptom Related Thereto).

All amendments and new claims are supported by the application as filed. By this Amendment, no new matter is added to the application.

**III. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112.**

Claims 12 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, ¶¶ 1 and 2. In response, without conceding the validity of the rejections, claims 12 and 13 have been canceled. The rejection is moot, accordingly.

**IV. Conclusion**

The subject application is believed to be in condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned agent at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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